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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'**CLASSIFICATION**

The present invention relates to a *Rosa hybrida* plant.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

- 5 The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- 10 The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

- 15 Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark red flowers.

- 20 Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

- 25 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

	Form:	Upright
	Growth:	Very vigorous
15	Size:	Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
	Foliage	
	Size:	Terminal leaflet length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
20	Quantity:	Usually 5 leaflet leaves
	Color	
	New foliage:	Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
25	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte
	Edge:	Serrated
30	Serration:	Serrate

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	Petioles:	Top surface color near 146B; Under side near 147C
	Stipules:	Medium
	Auricle:	Small, slightly serrated
5	Rachis:	Smooth
WOOD		
	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137B with anthocyanin blush near 46A
10	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137C
	Flowering stem:	Length about 18 inches
15	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Average Preferred growing conditions: Full sun
	Growth habit:	Upright
	Leaves per stem:	About 7
20	Prickles/Thorns:	Plant bears both large and small prickles; large prickles about 3/16 in., small prickles about 1/16 in., randomly distributed, color near 20D
25 FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE		
	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
	Bud:	About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8 inches wide
	Form:	High centered

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	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D
5	Sepals:	Usually 5 per bloom, length about 1 7/8 inch, width about 1/4 inch tapering down to 1/8 inch, top and bottom color from near 143A (tip) to near 143C (base)
10	Size:	Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches
	Peduncle	Typically with numerous acicular projections
	Length:	About 4 1/2 inches
15	Strength:	Erect
	Color:	Near 139D
	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 2/3 inches
	Borne:	Single
20	Form:	Very high centered
	Petalage:	About 42
	Petaloids in center:	Few; between 3 to 4, color near 57A
25	Persistence:	Petals do not drop
	Fragrance:	Medium
	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting

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Color

During first 2
days:

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Inner petals at flower center
topside near 46C; bottom near
46D; outer petals topside near
47D, bottom near 48C

Base of petals

(Point of attachment):

Near 2A

General tonality from

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a distance:

Near 53C

Color Change:

Fades slightly; after 3 or more
days fades to near 49A

Petals

Margin

Smooth

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Texture:

Thick

Shape:

Oblong, 1¼ inch wide, 1¼ inch
long

Arrangement:

Imbricated

Appearance:

Velvety front, satiny back

20 **REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS**

Arrangement of stamens,

Filaments and Anthers:

Regularly arranged around
styles, usually about 110
anthers and filaments

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Color:

Filaments near 48A; Anthers near
48C

Pollen:

No pollen

Styles:

Medium length; color near 47C

Hips/Seed Vessels/

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Ovaries

Shape:

Round

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Size:	Small; about 1/2 inch
Color:	Near 140A
Seeds:	No seeds